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1. The following Austrian Communists attended the Prague Cominform Conference in late July 1948: Friedl Fuernberg, Franz Honner, Erwin Zucker-Schilling, Fritz Glaubauf, and Franz Marik. All carried Austrian passports, Austrian exit permits, and special Soviet passes.
2. Johann Koplenig, chairman of the Austrian Communist Party, was in Czechoslovakia during July but did not visit Prague. He held discussions in Brno with Czech Communist leaders. Koplenig requests travel clearance through regular official channels every two months in order to visit Czechoslovakia.
3. A new Cominform Conference, presided over by Andrei Vishinsky, began on 19 August in Prague and was attended by representatives from all eastern and southeastern European countries. The Conference is to deal with political matters only. The Austrian delegation includes Fuernberg, Horneck, and others not yet identified.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Horneck may possibly be identical with Leopold Hornick of the Volksstimme editorial staff.)

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: The report of a Prague Cominform Conference held so soon after the one reported to have been held in late July and early August 1948 must be treated with reserve until further information is obtained on this topic.)

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